

SPDRO 601.1 (Pt. Huachuca,
Ariz.)

12th Inf

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Newspaper Clipping (Basic 28 Aug 52)

South Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, US Army, San Francisco,
California, 3 February 1954

TO: Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN: ENCLP

1. In connection with the subject matter hereof, attention is invited to letter from your office, 601.1 Pt. Huachuca, Ariz - ENCLP, 3 February 1954, subject: "Re-Acquisition of Land, Fort Huachuca, Arizona." It will be noted that the preceding numbers of this correspondence, as implemented by the inclosures hereto, furnish the information requested by G-4 and your office in the above-mentioned letter of 3 February 1954.

2. It is to be further noted that Inclosure 7 cannot be considered as a formal proposal by the State of Arizona, but merely outlines the position of the State with reference to the proposed transfer, and evinces the fact that a formal proposal in writing is to be submitted by the Governor of that State in the immediate future.

3. The following comments are believed pertinent with reference to the entire proposal as it now stands:

a. The Arizona State legislative enactment of 13 March 1952 authorizes the transfer to the Federal Government by the State of Arizona of all land and ~~personal~~ property comprising Fort Huachuca as previously conveyed to the State of Arizona by the United States. The Governor has expressed his willingness to execute a quitclaim deed to the United States conveying the State's title to said "land and personal property." Nevertheless, it is believed that the matter of transfer of personal property should be by separate instrument in the nature of a Bill of Sale conveying an itemized list of personal property, as agreed to by the parties, resulting from inventory rather than a blanket conveyance of the personal property originally conveyed to the State by the War Assets Administration.

b. It is to be noted from Inclosure 7 that the State proposes to work out an equitable solution regarding the transfer of the State's school lands scattered throughout the artillery range, which is in part the subject of this transfer; however, there is no indication whatsoever as to the possible price per acre which the Government might be compelled to pay for this land. It is believed that an attempt should be made to ascertain with a fair degree of certainty what the approximate 2,000 acres of State land might ultimately cost the Government, and, moreover, this should be ascertained prior to the actual acceptance of the deed from the State to the remainder of the lands here under discussion.

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4. The Los Angeles District Engineer will immediately forward the formal proposal of the State of Arizona as above mentioned upon receipt thereof, and the same will in substance constitute what might be considered a supplement to the October 1952 planning report (Inclosure 3), the whole to be considered as a basis for the real estate directive which will be ultimately issued.

5. Headquarters, Sixth Army, has been currently advised of all developments and the attitude of that Headquarters is as indicated in the 7th Indorsement hereof and added Inclosure 8. Said communication has been referred to the Los Angeles District Engineer for action in consonance with the request therein contained.

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER:

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n/c - 1-4 & 6, 7
Added - 1 Incl
8. Cy ltr fm HQ, Sixth Army
21 Jan 54 (in dup)

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Colonel, C.E.
Executive

cc: CG, Sixth Army
ATTN: AMENG-RE
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